

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 1 and 12 are currently amended. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-5 and 9-20 are pending, and claims 6-8 have been canceled.

The applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 17-20.

Claims 1 and 12 were separately rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shirasago, et al (JP 2001-37108) in view of Segawa (US 4,089,231). These two bases for rejection are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to clarify that a coupling structure is disposed in a force transmission path between the cover member and the hub body to inhibit relative rotation between the cover member and the hub body. Shirasago, et al discloses a hub body (2) that rotates around a spindle (1), wherein a generating mechanism is disposed within hub body (2). A cover member (7) is disposed at the right side of the hub body (2). However, cover member (7) in Shirasago, et al has no coupling structure disposed in a force transmission path between the cover member (7) and the hub body (2) to inhibit relative rotation between the cover member (7) and the hub body (2). Shirasago, et al's, since cover member (7) is simply pressed against hub body (2) by bearing (8) and nut (9). Neither Shirasago, et al nor Segawa disclose or suggest the coupling structure recited in claims 1 and 12.

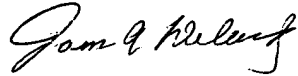
Claims 2-4 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shirasago, et al in view of Segawa and Metzinger (US 5,667,233). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed for the same reasons noted above. Furthermore, with respect to claims 2-4, any brake device mounting member in Metzinger is disposed on the wrong side of the hub. With respect to claim 13, element (28) is the hub shell, not a cover member.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 have been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

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